tions of the schools and colleges are round the corner; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to re-consider the decision?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) With the rapid expansion of T.V network, the need to meet the requirement of growing number of T.V. viewers in different regions with varied tastes/interests has arisen. With this objective, Doordarshan has introduced a number of different type of feature films in a week for different target audience. However, the number of films telecast in a week has not been increased during this year. Telecast of films in the late night slot on Fridays has been suspended with effect from 26-2-89 to 16-4-89.

(b) No Sir.

Import of edible oil

2697. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) how much edible oil has been imported during the last three years, year-wise; and the amount of foreign exchange spent thereon alongwith the name of the importing agents; and

(b) what is the landed price and issue price of the edible oil?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) Edible oil is imported on Government account by the STC. In addition NDDB also imports edible oile on a commercial basis and has received imported edible oils also as gift. The quantity of oil imported during the last three years both by the STC and the NDDB including the erstwhile IDC (now a part of the NDDB) is as under:

Year	By STC		By NDDB/IDC	
	Qty. (in lakh Mts)	Foreign Exchange in crores of Rs.	Qty. (in lakh Mts)	Foreign Exchange in crores of Rs.
1985-86	10.80	769.00	0.21 (gift)	..
1986-87	13.07	526.40	1.07 (gift)	..
			0.21 (coml)	10.77
1987-88	19.67	947.77	0.32 (gift)	..
			0.25 (coml)	11.89

(b) On the basis of the import made during the financial year 1988-89, the approximate landed cost for imports by STC is Rs. 11,468 per MT while that for the import by NDDB (commercial) is Rs. 10,532 per MT. The current issue prices of the oils imported by STC on Government account are as under:—

For PDS

In bulk	Rs. 13,150 per MT
In 15 kg tins	Rs. 14,500 per MT
For Vanaspati Industry	Rs. 19,000 per MT

The issue prices in respect of the oils imported by NDDB varied between Rs. 14,960 and Rs. 19,000 per MT for different types of oils.

Lab-Land linkages for benefit of farmers

2698. SHRI V. NARAYANSAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister stressed the need for lab-land linkages to be agricultural scientific invention to be used

at a quick pace for the benefit of the faremrs; and

(b) if so, what plan Government are envisaging to benefit the farmers by adopting latest inventions in the agricultural field?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARI KRISHNA SHASTRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There are extension systems to disseminate agricultural technologies to the farmers. They mainly consist of the Training and Visit system of the Ministry of Agriculture, and the First-Line Extension projects of the I.C.A.R. These first line extension projects, are, National Demonstrations Project (NDP), Operational Research Projects (ORPs), Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs). Lab-to-Land Programme (LLP), ORP for Tribal Areas and ORP on Socio-Economic Upliftment of Scheduled Castes and Back ward Communities.

Steps for betterment of slum dwellers

2699. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the convention of the slum dwellers in Delhi called for a comprehensive policy on slums for their economic opportunities, education, civic amenities and primary health care; and

(b) if so, what steps Government is taking for the betterment of the slum dwellers giving them basic amenities including better sanitary condition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Government is not aware of any such convention

(b) For improving the quality of life of slum dwellers in Delhi basic amenities as 'pay and use' Jansuvidha Complexes, water supply including drinking water taps, sewer, storm water drains, widening & pavement of existing streets, street lighting etc. are being provided under the Environmental Improvement Programme.

Modernisation of steel plants in the country

2700. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a plan for modernisation of Steel Plants in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) and (b) Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) have formulated schemes for modernisation of its steel plants. Government have already approved the scheme for modernisation of Durgapur Steel Plant at an estimated cost of Rs. 2667.6 crores. This scheme is likely to be implemented in 4 years time. Details of other schemes would be known when the proposals come up for investment Decisions.

High powered committee to formulate policy to select drama, tele-films, serials

2701. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a high powered Committee to formulate a plan to select drama, tele-films, serials; and

(b) if so, the terms of reference of the Committee?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.